GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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DIVERSION OF FUNDS UNDER ANGANWADI KENDRAS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that most of the funds given to the Anganwadi Kendras in Bihar for giving nutritious food to the children is diverted by the Anganwadi workers and child development project offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to bring transparency in the Anganwadi Projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH)

(a) No such complaint has been received by the Government of India.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Integrated Child Development Services(ICDS) Scheme is a Centrally sponsored Scheme, implemented through State Government/UT Administrations. The Government of Bihar has taken various steps to bring transparency in Anganwadi Projects, especially in distribution of nutritional food, at Anganwadi Centres and selection of Anganwadi Workers and Helpers. The Steps taken include:

(i) The supplementary nutrition programme has been decentralized and it is being implemented through an elected village level Nutrition Distribution Executive Committee;

(ii) Continuous monitoring and supervision of distribution of supplementary nutrition at Project, District and Division levels;

(iii) Public awareness of ICDS programme through print media;

(iv) Selection of Anganwadi Workers/Helpers by the concerned Gram Panchayat through its Gram Sabha.